

**Enhancing Agriculture Research and Extension Activities at the
University of the District of Columbia Land Grant Institution**

2008 FARM BILL LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES

**H.R. 2419 FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT OF 2008
CONFERENCE REPORT LANGUAGE**

NEW PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN H.R. 2419	PURPOSE OF NEW PROVISION	EXISTING LAW	IMPACT ON UNIVERSITY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESEARCH AND EXTENSION	ACCESS TO NEW USDA FUNDING
<p>I. Capacity</p> <p>SEC. 7106. ELIGIBILITY OF UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES EDUCATION.</p>	<p>Amendment to 7 USC 3152(b)(4) to include the University of the District of Columbia. This program is currently funded at \$12,375,000 million for Fiscal year 2007.</p>	<p>Current law does not allow the UDC land grant to participate in this program.</p>	<p>New provisions will stimulate capacity in the development of high quality teaching and research programs at the UDC Land-Grant institution. UDC will build capacity as full partners in the research and education mission of the USDA. Also, UDC</p>	<p>Enhanced annual access to \$500,000 in USDA competitive research grant funding.</p>

			will provide more and better-trained professionals with core competencies and proficient skills for careers in the food and agricultural sciences.	
<p>II. Facilities</p> <p>SEC. 7124. GRANTS TO UPGRADE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES FACILITIES AT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY.</p>	<p>Amendment to Section 1447 of (7 USC 3222B) to include the University of the District of Columbia. Facilities grants program for the 1890s are funded at \$22 million for Fiscal year 2007.</p>	<p>Current law does not allow the UDC land grant to participate in this program.</p>	<p>Gives UDC similar facilities funding status as the 1890s land grant institutions. UDC will be allowed to use these funds to build or renovate and equip existing agriculture research and extension buildings.</p>	<p>Annual Authorization of \$750,000.00 in Fiscal Years 2009 – 2012.</p>
<p>III. Hatch Waiver</p> <p>SEC. 7404. HATCH ACT OF 1887. (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. —</p>	<p><i>Amendment to Section 3(d)(4) of the Hatch Act of 1887 (7 U.S.C. 351c(d)(4)).</i></p>	<p>Annually, UDC is required to provide non-federal funds to match each USDA Research dollar. This match requirement inhibits the flow of research dollars to the University.</p>	<p><i>(i) Reduce "Hatch Act" non-federal matching requirements by 50% in FY 2008 through FY 2012.</i> (ii) Secretary of Agriculture may waive 100% of the non-federal match</p>	<p>Reduction in Match Requirement: (i) Non-Federal Match Savings in the amount of \$330,754.00 or (ii) Non-Federal Match Savings in the amount of \$661,508 if the Secretary of Agriculture approves a written request for a 100% waiver.</p>

			requirement upon written request from UDC.	
<p>IV. EPANDED FOOD NUTRITION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (EFNEP) AND SMITH LEVER</p> <p>SEC. 7417. ELIGIBILITY OF UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR CERTAIN LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY ASSISTANCE.</p>	<p>Amendment to <i>Section 208 of the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act (Public Law 93-471)</i>.</p>	<p>By statutory exclusion, the District of Columbia is not permitted to participate in the EFNEP program under Section 3 (d) of the Smith - Lever Act. Under current law, EFNEP funding is made available conditionally to the UDC through Section 208 (c) of Public Law 93-471. This statutory scheme creates a funding distinction with meaningful financial barriers that deny nutrition education benefits to the District of Columbia in fiscal years where the 100% matching funds are not realized. Other states and territories participate in this program with out any match requirement.</p>	<p>Nutrition education benefits will flow to thousands of District of Columbia residents without any requirement of a non-federal match.</p>	<p>Funding increase Approximately \$450,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2009 through Fiscal Year 2012.</p>

